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Boys' Meetings.

Nashville, Tenn. Banner

March 16, 1934

Negro Citizens Plan

Local Observance of National Boys' Week

Preliminary organization for the observance of National Boys' Week was outlined at a meeting of Nashville Negroes Thursday night at the Nashville Negro Board of Trade.

The observance, which is to be the week of April 28, is being worked out for Negro citizens by the Nashville Negro Board of Trade and the Citizens' Committee. The program, as tentatively adopted last night, will be in accordance with suggestions from the office of the National Youth Week Committee.

Principals of most of the city's colored schools were in attendance and pledged of cooperation were received from the Nashville Boys' Work Council and Rotary Club. A Myron Cochran was chosen general chairman of arrangements.

A second meeting is to be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Board of Trade reception room, when organization will be completed.

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Plan Negro Boys' Week Observance

Special Church Services and Musical Program To Mark Opening on Sunday

Plans for the Negro observance of Boys' Week, April 28-May 5, were announced today by the Nashville Negro Board of Trade and a special committee. The Rev. A. Myron Cochran is general chairman.

Saturday will be known as Boys' Recognition Day and there will be a parade headed by groups from the police squad, military, cadet, educational, and musical organizations. Dr. H. H. Walker and Dr. C. O. Hadley will be the marshals and it's expected that 2,000 boys will be in the line of march.

Special services in all Negro churches at 11 o'clock Sunday will mark Boys' Day in Church. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a union service for boys at St. John's A. M. E. Church, Eighth Avenue, North, and Cedar Street.

A large choir of boys and young men will sing at the service and special numbers will be given by students from A. & I. State College and Pearl High School. The program is under the chairmanship of the Rev. Arthur D. Williams and the principal address will be by Dr. J. C. Caldwell. All colored ministers are invited to walk in the procession.

Trips to some of the important industrial plants will be made on Monday, Boys' Day in Industry. S. L. Fer-

guson is chairman of the event.

The Colored Principals' Association, Prof. H. J. Johnson, chairman, is in charge of the exercises for Boys' Day in the schools. For brief periods boys will serve as principals of the various institutions and as presidents of the three local colleges.

Athletic contests and an exhibition the large number of boys in the state. In order to make an intelligent approach to the situation, an effort was made to gather some specific information concerning negro boy life in general and upon the basis of the information gathered to set up such organizational machinery as would most effectively function in meeting the needs and improving the conditions discovered. Through a brief investigation the following facts were discovered:

Dr. F. McClenton, president of the local colored medical association, will give a lecture on boys' health at Me-harry Medical College on Thursday.

A declamation contest at Pearl High School will be the feature of Thursday evening. Arthur G. Price will act as chairman. Boys will serve as president, cashier, assistant cashier, and

secretary of the Citizens' Savings Bank for one hour on Friday, Boys' Day in city assemblies from President Roosevelt.

Governor McAllister, Mayor Howse, and other officials will also be read from Nashville's first Negro citizen, J. C. Napier. The Rev. A. Myron Cochran is chairman for the day.

Another program at athletic event will be given Saturday, Boys' Day out of-doors, at Hadley Park under the direction of Dennis D. Nelson, scout master at Bethlehem Center.

Meetings of the committees are scheduled for tonight and tomorrow night at the Board of Trade assembly room for completion of arrangements.

Urban League Bulletin

In March, 1933, Dr. John Hope, president of Atlanta University, took the initiative in trying to discover some way of developing a constructive program of service that would reach the large number of negro boys in the state. In order to make an intelligent approach to the situation, an effort was made to gather some specific information concerning negro boy life in general and upon the basis of the information gathered to set up such organizational machinery as would most effectively function in meeting the needs and improving the conditions discovered. Through a brief investigation the following facts were discovered:

Negro Boys 10 to 19 Years of Age in Georgia. Fifteenth Census of the United States—1930.

Age Group	Number	Per Cent
Boys, 10 to 19....	129,466	100.0 of total
Boys, 10 to 14....	69,689	53.8 of total
Boys, 15 to 19....	63,735	49.3 of total
Urban	28,691	22.2 of total
Rural	100,733	77.8 of total
(a) Farm	80,454	79.8 of rural
(b) Non-Farm ..	20,299	20.2 of rural

Negro Boys Enrolled in Four Agencies Working With Boys in Georgia. (As of February 1, 1933.)

	No. of Boys Enrolled	No. of Boys Enrolled
1-4-H Clubs	147	3,659
2-Y. M. C. A.	18	760
3-Boys' Club of America, Inc.	1	716
4-Boy Scouts of America.	22	410
Total	188	5,545

In addition to the general information, above, it was discovered that 40 of the 161 counties in the state of Georgia (on February 1) had 1,000 or more negro boys from 10 to 19 years of age, and that 12 cities had 500 or more of these boys of the same age—Atlanta alone having more than 8,000. It was already a well-known fact that in comparison with those of white boys, the opportunities of negro boys for wholesome recreation and general cultural development through publicly provided facilities were exceedingly limited, and that their opportunities for education as provided through the public schools were considerably less and inferior to those for white youth. It also was discovered that in addition to the regular program of the schools and churches, very little was being done for the development of negro boy life.

In view of this situation, Dr. Hope called together a group of people from all parts of the state of Georgia, who met in Atlanta on April 1, 1933, to discuss the situation and to try to discover some way of providing a program that would meet at least some of the needs of negro boys that were not being met by any agency whatsoever. There were about 40 people present from 17 points over the state. As a result of this meeting, the Georgia State Council for Work Among Negro Boys was formed, with Dr. Hope as president; and the communities represented were to organize councils for boys' work in their own

sections of the state.

At the first annual meeting held by this group this past week, to check up on the results, the following figures were compiled showing accomplishment of this council during that

	No. of Boys Enrolled 1933 (Feb. 1)	No. of Boys Enrolled 1934 (Apr. 1)	No. Incr.	Pct. Incr.
4-H Clubs	3,659	8,035	4,376	119
Y. M. C. A.	760	1,339	579	76
Boys' Club of America	716	845	129	18
Allen Life Guards	450	550	100	22
Boy Scouts of America	410	700	290	71
Total	5,995	11,469	5,474	91

R. W. Bullock, director of boys' work for the National Y. M. C. A., was loaned to the council for this work. Under his direction 12 cities in Georgia have organized boys' work councils.

At the April court of honor held by the colored district of the Atlanta Boy Scout Council, Edmund Allen and Robert Johnson Jr., of Troop 90, were made Eagle Scouts, the highest award possible for a Boy Scout to receive. They are the first colored scouts to receive this high rank in the state of Georgia. Sterling Gill, Robert Ama and Robert Martin Jr., of the same troop, were made star scouts.

Macon, Ga., Telegraph
May 14, 1934

Georgia Negroes Now Eagle Scouts

ATLANTA, May 13 (AP)—Edmund Allen and Robert Johnson, Jr., the first two Negroes in Georgia to attain the rank of eagle scouts, were awarded the insignia of their new rank at exercises here today.

E. Stanley Harris of New York, National Boy Scout commissioner, awarded the eagle scout honors to the two boys.

Allen is a senior at the Atlanta university laboratory school and Johnson is a senior at the Booker T. Washington High school.

Memphis, Tenn., Scimitar
September 27, 1934

MEMPHIS VISITOR



STANLEY A. HARRIS

Stanley A. Harris, national director inter-racial activities, Boy Scouts of America, met today with the inter-racial committee of Chickasaw Council, John E. Roberts, chairman, at Lowenstein's.

Mr. Harris, a native of Tennessee and former field executive in Memphis, has been in Scout work 25 years. He discussed the coming finance campaign of the Chickasaw Council.

He is to speak to the negro Scouts at 8 p.m. tonight at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Dr. John C. Petrie, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, will also speak at this meeting.

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George Arthur On Visit To Denver

DENVER, Colo.—George R. Arthur, Associate for Negro Welfare of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, completing a trip which has taken him into all parts of the country, arrived in the city last Sunday morning from Los Angeles. Mr. Arthur has been making a comprehensive survey of the work of the Y. M. C. A. buildings toward which the distinguished Chicago philanthropist contributed in liberal amounts. A total of twenty-three buildings are recipients of funds which were contributed by Mr. Rosenwald and it is the purpose of the survey now being completed under the direction of Mr. Arthur to determine the present conditions of the buildings, the extent and scope of the program which is being conducted in each, and the general use which is being made of the plants owned and occupied by the Association. While in the city, following plans which he has carried out in all of the cities visited, Mr. Arthur made a personal inspection of the buildings, interviewed citizens and officials of the "Y" and made an intensive study of the program. Facts and figures growing out of the study will be made public by the Rosenwald Fund and published for distribution to the Associations and other interested persons and agencies. Mr. Arthur, who is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Labor on Re-employment, took occasion also to make a study of the re-employment situation now being ministered to by the Federal government. He held an extended conference with Mr. Craig Vincent, director of the state re-employment service, and his report will also be sent to the Department of Labor in Washington as an indication of the manner in which the local office

s dealing with the unemployed of the Negro group.

PROMINENT MEN HEAD 'ORLEANS 'Y'

NEW ORLEANS, La., Mar. 15—(ANP)—C. C. DeJoie, S. W. Green, Dr. Thaddeus Taylor and William Robinson were re-elected president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the local Y. M. C. A. here this week.

All of these men are prominent leaders in the community. Mr. DeJoie is president of the Unity Industrial Life Insurance Company here, the Unity Mutual Industrial Life Insurance company in Chicago, and is owner of the Louisiana weekly.

Mr. Green is supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and president of the Liberty Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Thaddeus Taylor is a well-known physician, attached to the Flint Goodrich hospital staff, and a member of the hospital board, while William Robinson, ex-slave, is the wealthy owner of New Orleans' only colored furniture store. Five years ago Mr. DeJoie and Mr. Green set a record for local Negro gifts by contributing \$5,000 each toward the Y. M. C. A. Building Fund.

Durham, N. C. Sun
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NEGROES SEEK "Y" BUILDING

City-Wide Drive Launched for \$5,000—Old Whitted School Site Proposed

A city-wide drive to raise approximately \$5,000 for the development of a community recreation center and the construction of a Y. M. C. A. building has been launched by Durham Negroes and an appeal to the entire citizenry to co-operate has been made.

Frederick K. Watkins and C. C. Spaulding have been named chairman and treasurer respectively of the

drive. The Y. M. C. A. building would be constructed on the site of the old Whitted school.

Negro citizens recently passed a resolution lauding John Sprunt Hill, Durham capitalist and philanthropist, and the city council for the donation of the site.

The resolution follows:

"The Negro citizens of Durham greatly appreciate the cooperation of the city council of Durham by donating to our community the old Whitted school lot, where we might construct a community center and a Y. M. C. A. building for the mass of our young people of Durham.

"We also appreciate Senator John Sprunt Hill's kindness towards the Negro people in giving this said lot to the city in order that the city might furnish a building site for this community center."

Ft. Gaines, Ga., Georgian
April 26, 1934

NEGRO STATE COUNCIL

ELECTS OFFICERS AND

PLANS FUTURE WORK

Making the close of its first year of organized activity, the Georgia State Council for Work Among Negro Boys met Saturday in the conference room at Atlanta University, elected officers for the coming year, and planned a more intensive effort to enroll a greater number of the 129,000 negro boys in Georgia in clubs and other recreational organizations.

Reporting on conditions in Georgia, R. W. Bullock, of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., who has assisted the council during its first year, stated that the number of boys enrolled in the five major boys' organizations in this state had almost doubled in the last fourteen months.

At the meeting, President John Hope, of the Atlanta University, was re-elected president of the council and Dr. Frank S. Horne, acting principal of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, was elected vice president. J. H. Chiles, of the Eutler Street Y. M. C. A. of Atlanta, was named as secretary and W. A. Robinson, principal of the Atlanta University laboratory high school, treasurer. These officers, together with a representative of each of the five major boys' work organization operating in

Georgia, will constitute the executive committee.

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ELECTED TO WHITE Y.M.C.A. BOARD IN PA.

Aug 2-9-34
Prominent Pittsburgh Undertaker To Serve On Body Controlling City's Fourteen Branches

St. Louis, Mo.
PITTSBURGH, Pa.,—(A.N.P.)
—W. T. Poole, prominent Pittsburgh undertaker, was elected by the members of the 14 Branches of the Pittsburgh Young Men's Christian Association this week, along with ten white business leaders to membership on the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Young Men's Christian Association. This is the first time in the history of this Association that a Negro has been nominated and elected to this Board.

DELEGATES AT Y CONFERENCE



Sept 10-17-34 Chicago Ill.
Interracial student gathering at Knoxville college, Knoxville, Tenn. Delegates were present from Fisk university, Vanderbilt university, Tennessee State A. and I. college, Morristown college and Knoxville college. Rev. John Dillingham of Nashville, Frank Wilson of New York city and Prof. J. Herman Daves of Knoxville were the principle speakers.